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Article I

(Definitions)

Article 2

Except where otherwise provided in this chapter, the marine spaces of islands are determined in accordance with the provisions of this Convention.

Article 3

1. No economic zone shall be established by any State which has dominion over or controls a foreign island in waters contiguous to that island.

The inhabitants of such islands shall be entitled to create their economic zone at any time prior to or after attaining independence or self-rule. The right to the resources of such economic zone and to the resources of its continental shelf are vested in the inhabitants of that island to be exercised by them for their benefit and in accordance with their needs or requirements.

In case the inhabitants of such islands do not create an economic zone, the Authority shall be entitled to explore and exploit such areas, bearing in mind the interests of the inhabitants.

- 2. An island situated in the economic zone or on the continental shelf of other States shall have no economic zone or continental shelf of its own if it does not contain at least one tenth of the land area and population of the State to which it belongs.
- 3. Islands without economic life and situated outside the territorial sea of a State shall have no marine space of their own.
- 4, Rocks and low tide elevations shall have no marine space of their own.

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Article 4

A coastal State cannot claim rights based on the concept of archipelago or archipelagic waters over a group of islands situated off its coasts.

Article 5

In areas of semi-enclosed seas, having special geographic characteristics, the maritime spaces of islands shall be determined jointly by the States of that area.

Article 6

The provisions of this chapter shall be applied without prejudice to the articles of this Convention relating to delimitation of marine spaces between countries with adjacent and/or opposite coasts.

Article 7

For the purposes of this chapter the term "marine space" implies either the territorial sea and/or continental shelf and/or the economic zone according to the context in which the term has been used.